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## Building a dream for everyone

By Jim Heffernan  
Contributing Writer

Sacred Heart is helping to build a kid's dream: a sandcastle. The difference with this sandcastle is that it is not made out of sand. This one is made out of wood.

It's called "The Sandcastle Playground Project" in Fairfield. The sandcastle will be built in the Henry Rowland Park at Jennings Beach.

The Sandcastle Project's manpower is 100 percent local volunteers, and provides a great chance for Sacred Heart students to connect with the Fairfield community.

"This is a playground for the whole town," said Phyllis Machledt, director of Service Learning at the University.

Designed to replace the aging and unsafe equipment currently at the site, the sandcastle will provide an innovative, safe play space for all children of Fairfield and a gathering place



Sacred Heart will participate in building a new playground at Jennings Beach.

Photo by M. Herrmann

for families. It will contain equipment intended for children ages 1 to 12 and will be handicapped accessible.

The playground is to be built over the course of six days, and the construction is scheduled for

Oct. 1 through Oct. 6. Each day consists of three-hour work shifts, running approximately from 9:20 a.m. to 12:20 p.m., 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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## Abortion pill questioned

By Cheryl Casey  
News Editor

The recent conditional approval by the Food and Drug Administration of the abortion-inducing drug mifepristone has met with negative responses on campus.

Sponsored by the Population Council, a family-planning research group based in Manhattan, the pill could be on the American market by the middle of next year. It has long been available abroad.

This announcement came on the eve of a hotly contested abortion vote in the House of Representatives. The vote was to determine whether to override Clinton's veto of Congress' vote to outlaw the method known as partial birth abortion.

"It's still abortion," said Cheryl Simmons, a senior physical therapy major from Vernon

Center, N.Y. "Regardless of how ever you do it, it raises the same concerns as always."

Kelly Carrano, a junior nursing major from Cheshire, CT, fears that women will take less responsibility concerning sex. "They will have sex anyway, but knowing that they can just take a pill in the case of pregnancy will make them worry less," she said.

According to a New York Times article by Gina Kolata on Sept. 19, anti-abortion groups are now looking to focus on attacking mifepristone in order to outlaw it. This issue will be more difficult for them to address because the pill can be prescribed in the privacy of the doctor's office, away from the demonstrations at abortion clinics.

In Kolata's article, Michele Arocha Allen, spokeswoman for National Right to Life Commit-

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## Counseling Center stresses need for confidentiality

By Kristyn Mulry  
Staff Writer

The Counseling Center, destroyed over the summer by a fire in the Park Avenue House, has been confronted by many problems this semester. The Center was forced to relocate its remaining resources to the Residential Life Office.

Along with the relocation, came many problems. The most

important of these issues relate to confidentiality, inadequate space for office use, and lack of space to store materials for programs and student assistance.

Presently, three counselors and one intern work to guide students. Each of the three counselors need their own area to counsel students to ensure confidentiality.

Faculty members volunteered their offices for use by the Counseling Center.

Although grateful, Sr. Anne

Nadeau, director of the Counseling Center, expressed that privacy in such a setting can not be guaranteed.

"If the faculty member forgets something, they should be allowed to go back in to get it. Then the student's privacy is violated," Sr. Anne said.

The Counseling Center is mandated to ensure confidentiality and files must be locked.

In addition, said Sr. Anne, there is an ethical obligation to

provide the quality of service to which students are accustomed.

According to Dean of Students Larry Wielk, a permanent location for the Counseling Center is being sought.

"If this can not happen, we will be forced to discontinue our services until a new location can be found," declared Sr. Anne.

The possibility exists that Career Services, headed by Mitch Holmes, will be moved to an unidentified location that does not

need construction. The Counseling Center would then be moved to the first floor of South Hall, the present Career Services Office.

With the location of the Center in Residential Life, there has been a drop in students looking for counseling.

"RA's have referred people, but they don't want to come in where there is a crowd, even to

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## Pitt Center to lack pool

By Erin E. Harrison  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

The William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center's completion date is set for sometime this spring with an anticipated completion cost of \$18 million.

The 143,000 square foot complex will include several multi-purpose facilities such as a 2,000-seat basketball arena, four basketball courts and an aerobics, wrestling and fencing room. The center will also house the Athletic Department offices, classrooms, locker

rooms, fitness center and Hall of Fame. It will lack, though, a swimming pool.

The planning team for the Center includes Don Cook, director of athletics; Jim Barquinero, vice president for planning and enrollment; Mike Giaquinto, director of facility management/construction; Dr. Michael Emery, director of physical therapy; Dr. Paul Madonna, vice president of finance and administration and consultants.

The cost of a pool is about three times per square foot, than that of the rest of the facility due to its required plumbing and maintenance.

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## Commuter issues addressed

By Michele Herrmann  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

"As the Commuter Life Office begins its second year in existence, great strides have been made...to create awareness of commuter needs," said Director of Commuter Life Mike Rembish.

Those strides now include the Commuter Assistant program, a newsletter, a breakfast club, and the Emergency Locator Service.

So, what's the next step?

Currently, the Commuter Council, a student organization, has been working with Student Government to obtain lockers on campus.

Since first-year commuter students and some upperclassmen use laptops, "it's become an issue of where to put them during breaks," said Rembish.

"There's a petition being sent out. It's definitely being considered now, but the quicker people

sign up, the quicker it will happen," said Commuter Council vice president and first-year student Marilena Monaco.

Monaco, along with first-year students Amy Nimons and

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## NEWS BRIEFS

Compiled by Cheryl Casey and Kristyn Mulry

### Grant awarded to university worker

Sacred Heart's Peter Duval, of the Institutional Advancement office, was awarded a \$5,000 grant by the Connecticut Commission on the Arts.

Duval, a grant writer for the University, plans to use the money to underwrite a series of short stories based on his family.

A graduate of the University of Connecticut, Duval has been published in literary magazines including *The New Review*, *Grain*, and *Descant*.

The Commission annually awards \$100,000 in grants, supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, to writers, playwrights, and composers.

### Finance department welcomes new member

James Sheehan has been named the Assistant Vice President of Finance.

John Young has been appointed as the Assistant Vice President of Financial Development on a part-time basis.

Young will be responsible for capital financing. Sheehan's duties will include accounting, purchasing, student accounts, budgets, and payroll.

Prior to Sacred Heart, Sheehan was employed by Appalachian State University. He has also taught classes and been involved with business organizations, as well as the community.

### Minority fellowship program established

The National Research Council will award approximately 20 Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowships to ethnic minorities.

The program is designed to provide a year of continued study and research for recent doctoral recipients who show high promise for future achievement in academic research.

The deadline for application is Jan. 3, 1997. For additional information, contact the Fellowship Office at TJ 2039, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Ave, Washington, D.C. 20418.



The Sacred Heart University Bookstore opened in its new location on Saturday. The area has been enlarged to accommodate shelves of books, school supplies, and racks of SHU gifts and souvenirs. West Hall was the temporary spot for the bookstore at the beginning of the semester.

Photo by Lora Marcella

## Counseling: student privacy at stake

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make an appointment," said Sr. Anne.

Wielk pointed out that privacy should not be a major issue if the Center moves to South Hall.

According to Wielk, "There are enough entrances and exits that it would not be known if people were going to the Counseling Center or just to visit a resident in the building."

In addition, the presence of the Counseling Center next to Health Services in South Hall

would reestablish the idea of the Wellness Center that existed in the Park Avenue House.

Ayoma Perera, a senior media studies major and RA from Sri Lanka, said first-year students

**"We will be forced to discontinue our services."**

are the most affected by this situation.

"They are going through a great transition and adapting to a

new lifestyle," Perera explained. "They must feel a sense of betrayal when their privacy is so compromised," she added.

Many of the resources found within the Center at the Park Avenue House will not be available at the new location.

Access to literature, for instance, will be "limited at best," said Wielk.

Wielk added, "There was not any preparation for a fire. Things couldn't be planned and we couldn't find suitable sites during the summer."

## Commuter: non-residents have a voice

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Stacey Sheppard, are working together to produce the debut issue of SHU Commuter News, a newsletter about issues which affect commuters.

Despite slight differences between commuters and residents, Rembish pointed out that they can both be equal in involvement.

"I don't think people realize how involved commuters are on campus, but they are," Rembish said.

Nine commuter students participate on campus for the Commuter Assistant Program. The program is in its second year at the University.

Senior Rob Carroll, a business major from Fairfield, enjoys taking part in the program. "When I started [as a freshman], I did know some people. But if I didn't, I would have probably gone to class and gone home," he said. "Going to college is hard enough without having to worry about making friends."

Rembish also spoke about

an upcoming survey to discover what needs commuter students have.

Fifty students came to the first of the monthly breakfast clubs, held last Tuesday.

CommuterLife also provides an Emergency Locator Service, which tracks down a student on campus if needed to be reached.

Students interested in joining the Commuter Council are welcome to attend meetings held on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in the Mahogany Room.

## Vans moved for space

By Stacey Sheppard  
Staff Writer

Due to the construction of the new athletic complex and the placement of temporary classrooms, parking has been a continual problem at Sacred Heart. Where to park the eight university vans was the most recent predicament.

Student Activities uses four of the vans, and the Athletic Department uses the remaining four. Previously, these vans were parked in the Faculty/Staff Lot in front of the University. The 174-space lot became overcrowded because the vans occupied too much space.

As to whether or not complaints were made about the position of the vans, William O'Connell, director of Public Safety, said "I received a few."

The vans were parked straight

into the spaces, instead of at an angle, causing a potential accident situation.

For the safety of the vans and the convenience of the faculty and staff, Public Safety moved the vans to the North Lot.

"We just thought it was a better place to put them," O'Connell said.

With the vans parked in their new spots, Public Safety is able to adhere to its parking regulations as stated in the Sacred Heart Student Handbook.

"These regulations are designed to ensure safe movement of vehicle and pedestrian traffic, reduce the potential for accidents, injuries or property damage and to seek adherence to Connecticut State Motor Vehicle Laws and SHU policies," reads the Handbook.

By moving the vans, Public Safety has proven that their top priority is safety.

## Sandcastle: providing a safe play space

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About 2,000 people are needed to build, serve food, and provide child care in an atmosphere reminiscent of an old-fashioned barn raising.

When the idea of the playground was first introduced, rumors surfaced that people in the area didn't want it because it would bring in so-called undesirables.

"Children are children, it doesn't matter your race or color. They still need a place to go," said Brian Merwin, a freshman international business major from Bellmore, NY.

People from the playground project have discussed the park with residents currently living within close proximity to the playground and all residents, despite rumors, have responded favorably.

Many people are still needed to volunteer. The Sandcastle Committee provides supervisors for construction, food and necessary tools. Work gloves and transportation to and from the site can be obtained from the Sacred Heart Service Learning Office.

To get involved or learn more about the Sandcastle Project, call Phyllis Machledt or Brian Merwin, Sandcastle student coordinator, at 365-7622.



# Abortion: pill approval criticized on campus

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tee, insisted, "It's a tragic step. It means that tiny children's hearts will stop beating. And their mothers may be threatened, since we don't know the long-term side effects of this drug."

Allen added that her organization will "definitely continue to educate Americans about what is going on."

Carrano thought that the availability of mifepristone would greatly increase the abortion rate. "You're not actually having a surgical procedure done. The thought of surgery is more dramatic and might heighten a woman's caution," she declared.

"With this new alternative comes greater responsibility,"

said Dr. Claire Marrone, director of women's studies.

For abortion rights advocates, the FDA's approval of the pill is a major advance. Kate Michelman, president of National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, stated in Kolata's article, "We haven't had anything like this since the birth control pill."

According to Michelman, women will have the option of taking pills in the doctor's office to terminate pregnancy within the first seven weeks of the last menstrual period.

Instead of having a surgical abortion at a clinic, women will have "privacy and safety and freedom from blockades and harassment," she said.

**Mifepristone** is an abortion-inducing drug that blocks the hormone necessary to sustain pregnancy.

**Regimen:** Swallow three pills (200 mL) of mifepristone; 36-48 hours later, swallow two tablets of misoprostol to make the uterus contract.

**Side effects:** severe bleeding (occurs in 1.4% of women), nausea, painful uterine contractions, vomiting, diarrhea

**Cost:** \$350, approximately the same as a surgical abortion

Mifepristone induces abortion by blocking the hormone necessary to sustain pregnancy, and most patients abort the fetus within 24 hours. There is a five percent failure rate, in which cases a surgical abortion is performed.

Sheila Wheeler, director of

health services, refused to give comment on the issue, asserting that she had no background on the issue, has never dealt with it, and never will since she is employed by a Catholic University.

Marrone insisted, "I think that it will be controversial. But

most aspects of women's sexuality and women's reproduction causes controversy, and these things need to be discussed."

The pill, sold in France, Britain, Sweden and China, has been used by more than 250,000 women around the world.

## Health Services kept busy Surge in sickness on campus

By Christopher Twarowski  
Contributing Writer

The University's Health Services Department is faring well against a recent flood of students and viruses, despite a limit on space.

"The first week was slow, but over the last few weeks, we've been getting around 15 to 20 students per day," said Director of Health Services Sheila Wheeler.

"Normally we would get around 10," Wheeler added. "We're more accessible now, but too small for the volume of students. There's really not enough room to accommodate the volume of students this year."

Some ailments that have been diagnosed lately are sinus infections, bronchitis, and sore throats. All of these are caused by viruses.

How can you prevent yourself from getting sick? "Wash your hands, try to give yourself

enough rest, eat good food, don't stay up all night, no drinking alcohol, and don't smoke," advised Wheeler.

For students who take prescribed medications, Wheeler said, "Certain prescriptions can be filled on campus, and the rest ordered and filled."

"I'm sick, my roommate's sick, everyone in my townhouse is sick. It seems that everyone on campus is getting sick," complained Brian Lawn, a senior business management major from Boonton, NJ.

"I had to miss a class," said senior biology major Jason McGrade, from Queens, NY. "I strongly feel that contact with other people has much to do with being sick."

So, if you have been feeling under the weather lately, perhaps you should consider a visit to Health Services.

The Health Services Department is located on the first floor

of South Hall next to the multipurpose room. The hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call 371-7838 for an appointment.

A registered nurse is on call during all hours and the campus physician, Dr. Pasquale DeMatteo, is there 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays and Fridays. The rest of the week, he can be reached at the Fairfield Family Medical Center through Health Services.

## Pool: Consensus says no

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nance.

"We took a consensus of the amount of activity that pools have in several institutions and found they don't get as much use as they should," said Cook.

The University has been working with consultants the Kasper Group and Brailsford Associates, based in Washington, D.C., to determine how to maximize the value of the money spent on the complex.

Several institutions were visited by members of Sacred

Heart involved in the planning of the Pitt Center, including: Brandeis University, Bentley College, St. Michael's College in Vermont and Boston University.

"We tried to create as much diversity and flexibility as possible," said Cook. "Swimming is a single usage activity."

In addition, a student poll was held in the preliminary planning stages of the Center and it showed that a pool is not a necessary factor in the construction of the complex.

Got a nose for news? Call Cheryl at 371-7966.

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## EDITORIALS

### University lacks allegiance

Sacred Heart University prides itself on its mission statement that says, "From its founding, the University has been recognized for its caring approach to students. . ."

On the Counseling Center issue, we believe the University has not been caring at all.

The mission statement also says that it welcomes ". . . the dignity of the human person, freedom, and the betterment of human society."

How is this message being upheld?

The staff of the Counseling Center is still looking for an appropriate site for their offices.

We believe that the University should seriously reconsider its level of compassion to members of our community at Sacred Heart and its allegiance to the university mission.

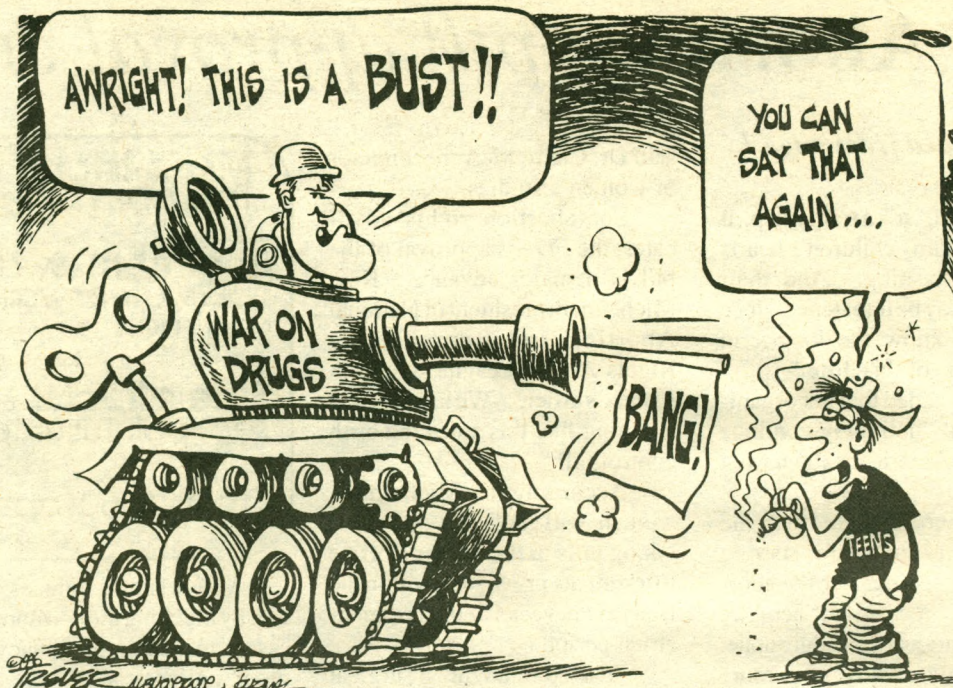
### Get the most out of college

College is a time to make decisions about our lives and our futures. Are we taking the best roads to our intended futures? What is the quality of life that we value most? College is certainly a time for fun, but it is also a time for hard work, planning and intellectual stimulation.

It is a problem when the greatest stimulation we choose outside of class consists of gracing the bars or a party with our drunken presences.

Did you originally come to Sacred Heart on an academic scholarship award? Do you still earn that award?

Remember, in the long run, we can't always use the excuse that we were limited during our college careers. It is quite possible that we have been limiting ourselves.



## The Dreaded 'L' Word

Over the past couple of weeks, Bob Dole has tried to narrow the gap in the polls by calling the President the dirtiest name in the book this political season. It is the dreaded 'L' word. He's calling him a liberal.

Still, the results seem to be positive for Dole. According to a CNN/USA Today Gallup tracking poll, Dole is within 10 percentage points of the President, and Bill Clinton's support is below 50 percent for the first time since they began the tracking poll three weeks ago.

Senator Dole is claiming that Clinton isn't just a liberal, he's a "closet liberal," meaning that he will sound moderate to get elected, but then govern as a liberal.

The President doesn't seem to care for the labeling. He doesn't feel he qualifies as a closet liberal. He considers himself to be a moderate, or "new" Democrat.

The part of this that distresses me is that being called a liberal today is like being called a communist in the 1950s. And, the President is trying to shed his

liberal label faster than a cat sheds its coat in the summer.

Why?

Liberals should be proud of their accomplishments. In the 1930s, FDR's liberal ideas took the nation out of the Depression, put people back to work and restored hope. In the 1960s, liberals pushed through the Civil Rights Act and ended segregation. It was also liberals who

These ideas are good ones. The ones which have become laws have worked. And, it would be in our best interest to see that the others become laws, as well.

Unfortunately, the President, rather than using these ideas as examples that liberalism still has a major role in American politics, is claiming them as moderate ideas. All but assuring the slow death of liberalism.

President Clinton seems to feel that he can't be a liberal, because he wouldn't get elected that way.

And, unless his recent drop in the polls is coincidental, and not connected to Bob Dole's liberal bashing, he may be right.

I think the President should put his political aspirations on the line for the good of the country. Run as a liberal.

If the country has been brainwashed so badly by conservatives that they won't elect a liberal President, they deserve four years of a Bob Dole administration with a Gingrich controlled House and a Senate run by Trent Lott.

After that four-year disaster, the country should be begging for a liberal President to come in and dig us out of the wreckage.



By ROB SAWICKI

### VIEWPOINT

protested against a war that sent our young men off to a place we had no business being. Of those men, 58,000 died, and countless more suffered permanent physical and emotional damage. I'm not quite sure why the President is running away from that.

President Clinton himself has endorsed many liberal ideas during his first term. Family and medical leave, gays in the military, midnight basketball, an assault weapons ban, a Health Care Reform plan that would guarantee health insurance to all Americans, and an economic plan that raised taxes on the wealthiest Americans to reduce the deficit.

## International Students fail to receive adequate scholarships from university

By Ayoma Perera

Sacred Heart has blossomed into a rich and diverse community thriving on the unique cultures of over 120 students from 65 different countries.

Against popular belief, many of these students have made sacrifices just to be able to afford the proper and respected education Sacred Heart offers.

One such sacrifice is parents having to live apart for great periods of time with the breadwinner in the family having to work in more prosperous countries to earn enough to send their children to countries that will provide them with a recognized education.

I am one of those students who has to endure sacrifices.

According to university policy, "undergraduate students are eligible for financial assistance provided they are a citizen of the United States."

According to the Financial Aid Office, this policy has been in effect from the University's inception.

There has never been the question of, for or against, arguments.

Believe me, it is time.

Don't get me wrong. I am at perfect agreement with such a policy since most aid awarded to students comes from the American taxpayers' pockets.

However, is it too much to ask for a special scholarship fund to be set up for those students exhibiting academic excellence or outstanding involvement in the

community?

As much as the University is providing the education, these students are enriching the university with their diversity.

### OPINION

The method of payment in the University is dollars, and when international students have to convert their currency into dollars in order to pay the fees, a huge proportion of their earnings is taken.

Day in and day out, I see the talents of many international students being exercised, with students bringing the uniqueness of their cultures to Sacred Heart.

Whether in the form of coffee houses or international festi-

vals vibrant with dances, food and exhibitions.

These students same students work intensely throughout the school year to increase their scholastic levels with the major proportion of them reaching a 3.0 GPA every semester.

When one closely analyzes the allocation of funds to the many trustee funds, scholarships and financial aid available to the students of the University, it seems that international students are in one way or another subsidizing their education.

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Op-Ed

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# NEWS FROM TULSA

By  
Chris  
Nicholson



I ask my little brother, "What time is your soccer game?"

"When?"

"Yeah, that's what I want to know."

"What day?" Fourteen year-olds have the patience of carpenter ants under a magnifying glass.

"Today," I say.

"I don't have a game today."

"You don't?"

"No."

"Then when are you going to the field?"

"I'm not." This is fun. For me.

Then we watch a little television. "The Simpsons" on FOX. Then a "The Making of..." on HBO. Then "The Simpsons" on FOX. Then "The Simpsons" on FOX again.

After about two hours I say, "Colin," because Colin is his name, "you'd better get ready for your game."

"What game?"

"Your soccer game."

"I don't have a soccer game!"

We watch "The Simpsons" on FOX again. Another half hour passes.

"Hey Colin."

"Yeah?"

"You're gonna miss your game."

"I told you, I don't..." Then Colin realizes how much he's amusing me, and he stops playing the game.

It's one of my hobbies and it's one of Colin's peeves. Some people call them "pet peeves," but I don't see how they'd classify as pets, because they don't eat, they don't bark in the middle of the night and they don't pee on Stainmaster carpets. (You could say, though, that they do sometimes "peeve" on the carpet.)

Another of Colin's peeves is car commercials. He hates them. But in ten years, when he is in the market for spending his next five years' salary on a new, dependable automobile, he'll be able to look at car commercials with a more mature eye, with a buyer's eye, and then he'll hate them even more.

Colin is especially irked by the commercial wherein they play fancy socialite music while everyone, donned in dapper clothes and masks, walks through the bushes and around the statues and past the fountains of what is most likely the local rural asylum, and then one masked couple gets into a car with a sunroof through which protrudes the lady's swan hat (no lie), and then as they whisk away, trying, no doubt, to avoid little masked squirrels running in the road, the lady's swan hat, caught by the wind, flies off and lands flippers-down in a pool, looking like a real swan swimming around and looking like it would probably fit right in and not be noticed by anyone if only it were wearing a mask.

My friend J.P., a photographer, has a

peeve. He's persistently irritated by modern movies in which press photographers use big ol' popping flashes on cameras that are 50 years old and not used any more. Another of Colin's peeves is that J.P.'s peeve is so stupid.

My peeve? Well, where do I start? I have a few, not because I'm a negative person who's always looking for the bad in people. I am the opposite; I usually ignore the bad in people and like them for their good qualities. For instance, The Rolling Stones: I know they're old and look bad in tight pants, and I know that their music would sound much better if they would just *practice* a few more times; but I try to ignore those things and look at the good points, such as...like...like when...you know, they...maybe this was a bad example.

But as a writer I endlessly observe people, and when you spend 16 hours a day at something, you notice things you maybe didn't expect to notice. (Like you need a social life.) Don't get me wrong, I love people, I think most people are great and I think most things about people, as a people, are wonderful.

But I hate it when people misuse clichés.

You know, like when people say "I could care less" instead of "I couldn't care less."

Or when they say "Sitting there like a dead duck." Or "I can't think of it off the tip of my tongue." Or "I could eat a horse pill."

(I once knew a nun who talked almost entirely in clichés. Talk about a creature of habit.)

Society designed clichés to customize our language, to give people a comfortable, unanimously accepted shortcut to communicate well-known thoughts and feelings. But some people mess them all up, and that just burns my bridges.

## Letters to the editor...

### SENATE RESPONDS TO PROBLEM

To the editor:

This is a response to the editorial in the last issue of the Spectrum regarding the problem with the inability to find privacy in the school. The Senate is happy to inform you that we are going to try to do everything in our power to correct this problem. We are currently working to find a location where students can meet with the Counseling staff in confidence. We hope this incident will not deter you from seeking help in the future.

If you wish to contact the Counseling staff, the number is 371-7955. If the Student Government or the Student Government Senate can assist any further, please contact the Student Government Office located in Hawley Lounge. This invitation is open to all the students of Sacred Heart University.

Student Government

### SCHOOL SPIRIT LACKING

To the editor:

Whatever happened to Pioneer pride? Sacred Heart students seem to be falling into the same pattern.

We are now a month into the school year and everyone has gotten so wrapped up in tests and papers that we have forgotten to support our sports teams and clubs.

There are many people on this campus who are involved with thankless clubs and organizations.

Although athletics are a big part of this school, I have heard members of the lesser known

teams complain about the lack of support they get from other students. How hard would it be to take an hour or two off studying to go and see a tennis match?

One of Sacred Heart's best qualities is its abundance of clubs and organizations.

Although every SHU student is probably involved with a group, very few care about what other organizations are doing. How many times have you walked by a bake sale and not stopped to buy something? Many groups use bake sales as fund-raisers so that they can improve their club or give money to a charity.

It would be wrong of me to say that all students don't take pride in SHU's teams and clubs.

There have been many times when people I barely know stop me in the hallway to ask me about the clubs I'm in and compliment me on something about them.

When this happens it assures me that people still take pride in Sacred Heart and what it has to offer.

I know that supporting the clubs and athletics may not seem like a big deal, but if we are going to spend four of the most important years of our life here, we should take pride in SHU.

Next time you see one of your friends in the hall, ask them about their favorite club or how their team is doing.

It will probably make their day to know that you are interested.

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### WEST HALL RA SEEKS THE WHOLE TRUTH

To the editor:

In the Sept. 19 edition of the Spectrum, there was a front page article written by Stacy Shepperd about the bookstore. According to this article, "There haven't been any student complaints about the bookstore disturbing dorm life, but Olson realizes that the potential for disruption is present."

My questions to Ms. Shepperd and Mr. Olson are the following: Have you talked to residents of West Hall about the situation? Have you talked to RAs whom may have a better understanding of how the situation positively or negatively effect the community in West Hall?

I agree that the renovation of the bookstore is a necessary and positive change, but I don't agree that there are no complaints.

Being an RA in West Hall, I have heard the many complaints which Ms. Shepperd and Mr. Olson have chosen not to hear. Students need the area to study, watch TV, hang out with friends and hold meetings (Hall Council), considering there is

only one lounge per floor.

Another reason people were complaining is due to the lack of space for RAs to put on programs that would benefit the Hall. They also have forgotten the security issues involved. Many times Public Safety has had to come over to reset the alarm due to one of the doors to the Great Room accidentally opened. West Hall has been accessible to anyone who walks on campus. Many residents of the building have reported missing items, all of which have disappeared during the day.

These concerns, as well as others, are on the minds of both residents and faculty and staff.

I am thankful that an article on the bookstore was written. Now I know when the Great Room will belong to its proper owners again. I do feel that the author should have reported both sides of the story, giving the reader the whole truth.

Robyn Ferguson

Voice your view...Write a letter to the editor.



# FEATURES

## Coffeehouse series attracts crowd

By Gina Norelli  
Features Editor

Last Thursday evening, grasshoppers with flavoring were served in the Gallery of Contemporary Art as part of a coffeehouse series sponsored by the International Center.

What? Yes, grasshoppers. And some brave souls even ate them.

Mutsai Mahachi, a junior international business major from Harare, Zimbabwe and Dr. A. Harris Stone, chair of graduate education, spoke at this event.

The audience, a mixture of curious students, faculty and staff, learned about Zimbabwe, a small country in southern Africa.

Stone, who has been collecting sculptures for over 30 years, showed the group some of his Zimbabwean Shona pieces that are on display in the Gallery until October 17.

He left the audience to interpret the pieces for themselves

though. "Sculpture doesn't need words," he said.

Stone said that most of us are natural collectors without even knowing it, and we often become interested in sculpture collecting by accident—for example, by picking up a certain stone on the beach that attracts us.

"You attach yourself to it because it brings meaning to you," said Stone.

Those that create Shona sculpture believe the sculpture is already inside the slab of rock and their task is to bring that to awareness.

They do this by embracing the rock (called "rock hugging") until they are certain they have sensed what is inside. They then scrape away the excess rock to reveal the sculpture.

Mahachi then spoke about Zimbabwean culture and his experiences at Sacred Heart.

"It's good that people like Mutsai can come and talk about their country and that people

know other cultures go on other than the one we see," said Britta Bengtson, a senior psychology major from Woodbury, CT.

As Zimbabwean music played, those that attended had the opportunity to try some of the Zimbabwean cuisine prepared by Mahachi—stew, beans, vegetables with peanut butter...and of course, the grasshoppers with flavoring that seemed to create a stir.

"I cannot touch it (the grasshoppers)," said Asami Sakamoto, a criminal justice major from Kawasaki, Japan.

"I tried to touch it, but I cannot put it into my mouth," she added.

Yet Mahachi spoke easily and freely about the grasshoppers—perhaps as we would talk about eating wild turkeys.

"There is a grasshopper season, after the rain season. People roast them, and they are excellent," he said as he popped one into his mouth.

How often do they eat grass-

hoppers in Zimbabwe?

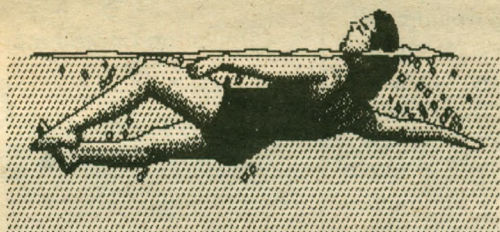
"Just when they are available. You have to trap them. It takes time and effort," said Mahachi.

Do they eat anything else that Americans might find peculiar?

"Flying termites," said Mahachi without hesitation.



Zimbabwe native Mutsai Mahachi, and Professor A. Harris Stone, PhD. stand with a Shona sculpture. Photo by M. Hermann



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# Precourt: The guy who drives you

By Corinne Waldheim  
Contributing Writer

Getting an interview with the Assistant Director of Student Union/Activities Albert Precourt II isn't just an assignment. It's an adventure. It began as a simple meeting in his office, but by the time our interview was over, we had traveled 15 miles in the SHU shuttle.

Precourt began his career at Sacred Heart as a Program Assistant in Student Activities. Three years later, he oversees the Greek Council, Shuttle Service, the Prologue, the Senior Class, Channel 6 and Intramurals.

When he applied for his job at Sacred Heart, the interviews were teeming with chaos.

During a phone interview with Director of Student Activities Denise Sutphin, he was disconnected twice. Although the conversation went well, he felt he needed an "edge on the competition." When Precourt met with his future supervisors, the

confusion continued.

"There were a lot of interruptions. Then the copier wouldn't work," remembered Sutphin. "I finally told Al that if he could fix the copier, the job was his. He has been here ever since."

"Student gratification is what keeps me here," confides Precourt. Approval was evident last year when Precourt received the Most Outstanding Administrator award.

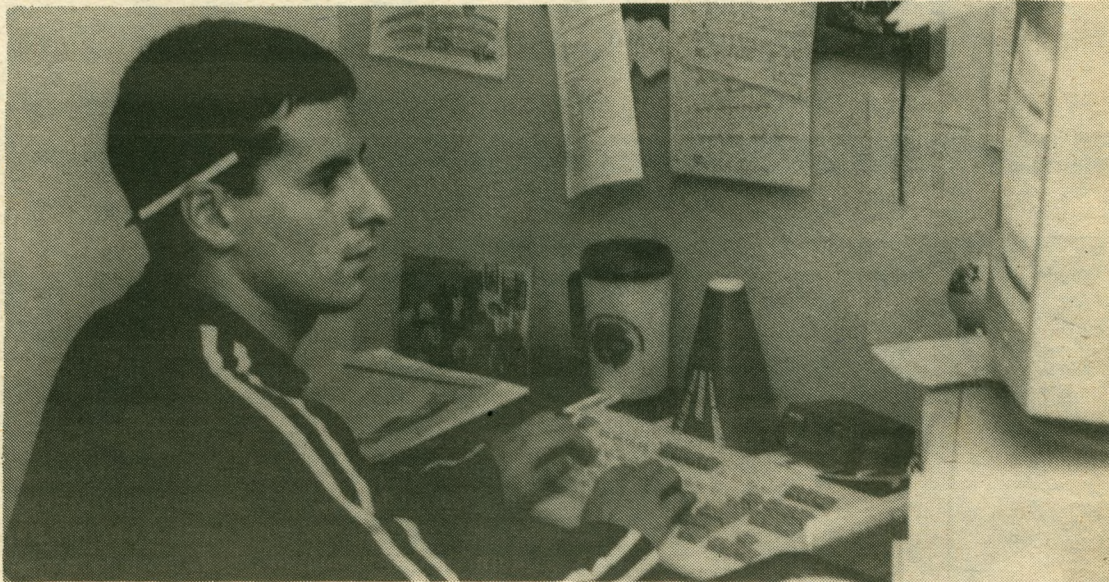
Precourt enjoys watching and playing baseball. His favorite team is the Boston Red Sox.

Precourt claims his taste in music is eclectic. His love for universal sounds was obvious when he was caught singing a few lines of "Lightning Crashes" by Live.

Precourt also enjoys camping, but admitted that his greatest love is for his family.

Student Government Vice-President Brian Rivera said, "Al is such a hard worker. He loves his job and the students he works with."

Precourt advises students, "College is a microcosm of the rest of the world. You should not



Assistant Director of Student Union/Activities Al Precourt

Photo by Rich Ruapp

limit yourself to people who are so homogenous. Get to know as many people as you can."

Precourt, originally from Taunton, MA, received an Associate in Arts Degree at S.U.N.Y. Finger Lakes, then graduated from S.U.N.Y. New Paltz with a Bachelor's Degree in communications. At Sacred Heart, he achieved his Masters in Educa-

tion.

He presently resides in Derby, CT but calls Lyons, NY his home since that is where his family resides.

"As a commuter, I wasn't really involved," admitted Precourt.

He continued, "I became more involved when I became a resident at New Paltz."

At New Paltz, he was a Resident Assistant and pledged a fraternity.

"Open your minds," Al tells students.

"You have the opportunity to learn and experience so much in college, whether you are in or outside the classroom. View it as the greatest experience of your life!"

## Career Services provides help in choosing major

By Ayoma Perera  
Staff Writer

Are you confused about what you want to major in? Then it's time you took a walk to the Career Services Department temporarily located on the first floor in the South Hall Multipurpose Room.

"We provide assistance in choosing a major and database information for hundreds of occupations," explained Eric Rutberg, assistant director of Career Development and a personal counselor.

Choosing a major and career exploration are two of the primary functions of this de-

partment. It is also an essential source for securing meaningful internship and co-op work experiences and helps students find summer and/or part-time employment and to facilitate the securing of employment or admission to graduate school after graduation.

Rutberg is mainly responsible for providing service to the first and second-year students. "Students should start declaring their major by the end of sophomore year or beginning of the junior year," said Rutberg. "A majors fair is held every year that provides students with the opportunity to view information on various majors," Rutberg added.

It is also the ideal time to

personally speak with faculty and/or advisors from different academic fields.

During the sophomore year, students are encouraged to participate in the Student/Alumni Mentor Program. Once an area of interest has been established, students are linked to Sacred Heart alumni who have careers in the same field.

"Some students choose a major for the wrong reasons," said Mitch Holmes, director of

Career Development. "So this connection provides the opportunity for students to really find out if a specific field is the one for them," he added.

Some of the 'wrong' reasons mentioned by Holmes that students have actually told him are "My mom and dad want me to," "This is going to make me rich," "It's easy," "My girlfriend/boyfriend/friend is that major so I'll have someone to study with" and, especially in

the case of an athlete, "It fits my schedule."

"Study what you love," encourages Holmes. "Build your self-esteem, be excited about learning, get to know the faculty and work with your advisor to find out what is best for you," advises Holmes on the 'right' reasons to be a certain major.

Still worrying about what to chose? Don't. Career Services can be reached at 7975, or visit them. They're here for you.

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## CLUB HAPPENINGS

Compiled by Gina Norelli

### International Coffeehouse Series

Some upcoming dates to mark off on your calendar. All events are free to SHU students (with ID) and will be held in the Faculty Lounge. For more information, call the International Center at 365-7614.

\*Thurs. Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. Hear unforgettable stories of the experiences of SHU students, faculty and staff who have traveled to El Salvador. Find out what a papoosa is! \*Thurs. Nov. 7 at 8 p.m. Watch a performance of traditional Japanese music and eat Japanese cuisine. Learn about origami and other crafts.

### English Club & Women's Studies

The English Club and Women's Studies will co-sponsor a film screening and discussion of "Like Water for Chocolate" on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Jane Elliott

## The right to be different *Jane Elliott speaks out against racism*

By Chris Currier  
Staff Writer

Jane Elliott was ironing a tee-pee she had made for her third grade class when an announcement came over the news.

Martin Luther King, Jr. had been assassinated.

She knew that the issue would come up in her classroom the next day, but had mixed emotions about how she would answer the questions her students would ask.

Elliott taught school in a small town in Iowa and knew that the people of Iowa would not care about the death of a black person, but her students would be curious.

The next day, Ms. Elliott performed her blue eye vs. brown eye experiment for the first time.

Elliott told the children that eye color denoted social status.

Blue eyed children were cleaner, smarter, and more civi-

lized than brown eyed children, she said.

The next day, she would reverse the experiment and tell the brown eyed children that they were better.

The results were catastrophic.

Elliott had exposed the children to the hate and cruelty that African-Americans and other minorities face every day. What she saw amazed her.

The children caught onto the principle of her exercise within 15 minutes and were already verbally, mentally and physically abusing each other. Elliott was shocked. She had no idea what she had started.

***They believed she was a sympathizer to minorities and that she was wrong for her experiment.***

Residents of Iowa treated Jane Elliott differently for the rest of her life.

Gradually everyone in the town stopped talking to her. Some resorted to vulgar language and violence toward Ms. Elliott's family.

Elliott told this story Monday, Sept. 30, along with other stories and anecdotes about race, religion, sex, and other dividing traits existing in this country.

"We are as different on the inside as we are on the outside and we have the right to be so," said Elliott.

Students in attendance said Jane Elliott made perfect sense. They were told to rent the video "The Eye of The Storm" which goes through Jane Elliott's experiment and shows the results.

Elliott, an author and lecturer, touched her audience.

If more people listened to her words, said one student, racism would be on its way to being dissolved.

## 'Women' are battling cancer with new CD

By Danielle Nolan  
A&E Editor

Cancer is a disease we all come in contact with at sometime in our lifetime. Whether we ourselves are diagnosed with it or someone close to us is, we all have known someone who has been ill-fated with the disease.

For women, breast cancer is a growing concern. A lump in one's breast can be detected by an early mammogram, yet many women do not find it soon enough. There is a lack of education about breast cancer and how to prevent it.

Women for Women 2 was released on Sept. 17. It is a new album dedicated to helping victims of breast cancer and educating those who do not know how to protect themselves.

Mercury Records, along with Hammer & Lace and the National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations (NABCO), released Women for Women 2, the sequel to the popular first version.

With songs performed by prominent adult contemporary female artists such as Celine Dion, Jann Arden, Sheryl Crow, Amy Grant, Indigo Girls, Joan Osborne, Terri Clark, Leah Andreone, Joy

Askew, Vanessa Williams, Lauren Christy, Oleta Adams and Tina Turner, the album also includes special liner notes listing breast cancer facts, information and resources. A portion of the proceeds will benefit NABCO.

Women for Women was the first all-female album made to increase breast health awareness. One out of nine women in the United States develops breast cancer in her life. Most women will be affected by the disease in some way.

The album begins with Celine Dion's romantic "Send Me A Lover" and Jann Arden's "Insensitive." It continues with Sheryl Crow's "I Shall Believe" and Amy Grant's "Helping Hand." The album is an even mix of love songs and motivational, women's power songs.

The Indigo Girls are next with their hit "Power of Two." "Lumina," a mellow song from Joan Osborne follows. These first six songs are definitely the best on the album.

When Terri Clark pipes in with a country song, I become lost. The next four songs combine to form the lagging part of the album, but things are brought back to life with Oleta Adams' version of "Don't Let the Sun Go

Down On Me."

Carole King brings her powerful voice to "Beautiful Natural Woman Medley" and Tina Turner rounds out the album with "All Kinds of People."

The various artists and songs make Women for Women 2 a good listen. Although the middle of the album is a bit lame, the beginning makes up for it.

The illustration of the album

is fitting.

With butterflies and daisies surrounding the cover, the inside of the album and the CD itself, the album attracts one to look inside. It has many facts and motivational sayings about breast cancer.

"I found out that being good to yourself means getting regular check-ups and mammograms," said Tina Turner

in the inside cover.

About 184,300 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed this year and 44,300 of these women will die.

Women for Women 2 represents breast cancer awareness for everyone.

For more information, call NABCO at 800-719-9154 or check out the Internet site at <http://www.nabco.org>.



Women for Women 2 is the latest CD dedicated to educating women about breast cancer.



# The Brady Bunch is back

By Mike Nimmons  
Staff Writer

If the dose of seventies nostalgia in "The Brady Bunch Movie" was not enough, there is plenty more in this summer's "A Very Brady Sequel."

The same cast has returned, giving us a great deal of seventies flavor and Brady humor.

While this movie was by no means a good film, it was definitely entertaining for "The Brady Bunch" fans. The sequel, like its predecessor, had a somewhat weak plot.

In "A Very Brady Sequel," Carol Brady's presumed dead ex-husband returns to retrieve the horse statue which he found on the excavating trip which he supposedly died on. This man turns out to be a fraud who is simply after the horse due to its value.

The movie progresses with his attempts to obtain the statue and the various situations it leaves him and the Bradys in.

The plot was not strong (not that many people expected it to be). However, there were a variety of different parodies and jokes

which poked fun at the original Bradys.

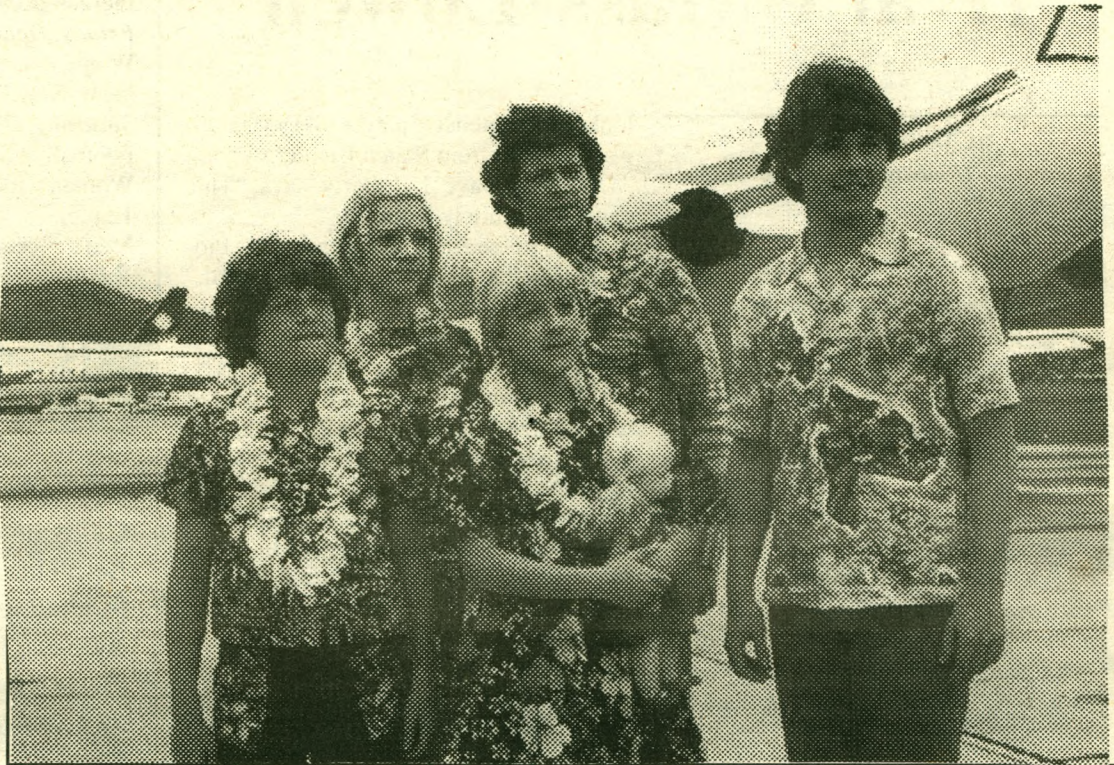
Among them was Greg's so-called ultimate pick-up line, "Hey groovy chick, you're really happening in a far-out way."

*Anyone who is a big fan of the Bradys will get a kick out of the way all of the definitive moments in Brady history were tied together.*

Also, there were things like Cindy's lisp, her doll, Kitty Carryall, and Jan's jealousy of "Marcia, Marcia, Marcia" and her pretend boyfriend, George Glass.

The sequel also featured Greg and Marcia's fight over the attic as a bedroom, Alice's pursuit of Sam the butcher and extremely brief appearances by cousin Oliver and the Brady's dog, Tiger.

In addition, there were many distinct features of the Brady epi-



The Brady's vacationing in Hawaii in "A Very Brady Sequel."

sodes in Hawaii such as, the tiki statue, the spider and Greg's infamous surfing accident.

Also included were the incestuous attraction of Greg and Marcia and the identities of Mr. and Mrs. Brady's former spouses,

Jeannie, of the classic TV series "I Dream of Jeannie," and Gilligan, of "Gilligan's Island."

This was by no means a good film. It might even be a stretch to say it was decent.

In other words, if you do not

like the TV series, or even the first movie, then do not see "A Very Brady Sequel."

If you do like the Bradys, then you will find this movie "really happening in a far-out way."

## Institute for Medieval Studies opens with "Monty Python"

By Alicia Y. McKinney  
Contributing Writer

"Monty Python and the Holy Grail" will kick off the Institute for Medieval Studies' five film series, Monday, Oct. 7 at 4:45 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge.

"Monty Python" was chosen to start the series because of its humor and slapstick style, but it also sends a serious message about historical representation," said Dr. John B. Roney, associate professor of history and coordinator of the Institute for Medieval Studies.

"When we study history we are so serious. We never recreate the past as it really was," Roney said. "We serve it up, just like a feast, so our palates are happy and we remember it the way we want it to be and that's farcical." He added, "'Monty Python' especially illustrates this notion."

The film series, one of three components of the Institute for Medieval Studies, includes "The Seventh Seal," "Name of the Rose," "Robin Hood," and "Lion in Winter" with a discussion following each free screening.

A "pilgrimage" to the Cloisters, on Saturday, Nov. 2, and a Medieval Feast on Sunday, Nov.

24, round out the remainder of the Institute's program.

The Institute for Medieval Studies began as an effort to combine course offerings in a semester and create experiences beyond those which occur in the classroom.

"The key is to have co-curricular activities, to create an environment in which learning is fun, and to emphasize that learning is not just cognitive but also experiential," said Roney. "When people are having fun they can learn. This allows us to break down the walls of the classroom and see ourselves as a learning community."

Classes associated with the Institute include "Shakespeare" with Dr. Roberta Staples, professor of English; "British Literature to 1603" with Dr. Robin McAllister, associate professor of English; "Medieval Philosophy" with Dr. Edward Papa, associate professor of philosophy; and "Medieval European History," with Roney.

"This is an especially wonderful opportunity for students to experience the energy of the medieval period through classes, film, travel and feastings," said Staples.

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# Women's soccer to face rival UMass-Lowell

By Jennifer Gilbert  
Contributing Writer

The women's soccer team is coming off a 1-0 loss to Bentley College and a 7-1 trouncing by Division II national champion Franklin Pierce College.

On Oct. 5, the Lady Pioneers hope to improve their 2-5 record when they square-off against the UMass-Lowell River Hawks at Campus Field with a start time of 12 p.m.

Offensively, look for sophomore forward Karen Bagley (Whitman, Mass.), senior midfielder Meredith Carr (Natick, Mass.) and sophomore midfielder Kristin Ferguson (Westfield, Mass.) to lead the Pioneers.

The River Hawks should be on the

lookout for defensive player Jill DiMaggio, a sophomore from Staten Island, NY.

Coach Dave LaLiberty says "This game is definitely winnable."

He stressed that "everyone on the Pioneers schedule is someone to be respected."

"We need to come out strong offensively and defensively. If we do, then we'll be happy with the results," added LaLiberty.

Senior captain Meredith Carr agreed with LaLiberty's predictions. "It is a league game, so it is a very important game for us to win."

Carr said the UMass-Lowell team should be "a good match for the Lady Pioneers and the game should be exciting. Our team is well prepared and has been practicing hard. I think we'll come out on the top if we give it our all."

The men's soccer team (4-5-1) will face UMass-Lowell immediately following the women's contest.

## Sports Schedule

### Thursday, Oct. 3

Women's tennis at Stonehill, 3:30 p.m.  
Field hockey at Bentley, 7 p.m.

### Friday, Oct. 4

Women's volleyball at SCSU Tournament, New Haven, Conn., TBA

### Saturday, Oct. 5

Football at Stony Brook, 1 p.m.  
Women's soccer vs. UMass-Lowell, 12 p.m.  
Men's soccer vs. UMass-Lowell, 2 p.m.

Cross-country at Fairfield U.

Invitational, 10:30 p.m.

Women's volleyball at SCSU

Tournament, TBA

### Tuesday, Oct. 8

Women's soccer at Southern Connecticut, 7 p.m.

Field Hockey vs. Southern Connecticut State, 4 p.m.

Women's tennis vs. A.I.C., 3:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, Oct. 9

Women's tennis vs. Quinnipiac, 3 p.m.

## Athletes of the week

### Dave Galligani

Galligani, a senior from Bethlehem, Penn. on the Pioneer football team caught eight passes and set a school record 159 receiving yards. He also had two touchdowns in Sacred Heart's 19-14 loss to UMass-Lowell.

### Lauren Wiggins

Wiggins, a freshman field hockey player from Norristown, Penn. tallied a hat trick in Sacred Heart's, 4-1 triumph over UMass-Lowell. The win avenged three consecutive losses to the River Hawks.

## Co-ed floor hockey league begins the week of Oct. 7

Games are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights at 10:30 & 11:30 p.m. Minimum number of players to complete a roster is nine. Captains of teams must attend a meeting in which rosters will be turned in. Meetings will be held the Thursday before games begin. See Student Activities for more information and to acquire a roster form.

## Sports in brief

### Moore & Montano named to All-Tournament team

Despite dropping three out of four matches at the Quinnipiac Invitational Tournament, the women's volleyball team (5-8) found solid play from freshman middle hitter Tricia Moore (Lindenhurst, N.Y.) and freshman setter Jill Montano (Floral Park, N.Y.)

The two were named to the All-Tournament team as Sacred Heart reached the quarterfinals before falling to Merrimack College 15-5, 15-11, 12-15, 13-15, 20-18. Moore is among the nation's leaders in skills and hitting percentage.

### Sciamanna solid for Pioneers in college golf debut

On Sept. 24 the Pioneers headed to Shattuck Golf Course in New Hampshire to compete in their first tournament of the season. They finished fifth out of six schools. Sciamanna led Sacred Heart with his fifth place individual finish of 62 total golfers.

### Women's tennis advance to 3-4 with impressive wins

The Lady Pioneers received strong efforts from senior second singles player Melissa Kiely (Point Pleasant, N.J.) and freshman Monica Grassi (Wildwood Crest, N.J.) as Sacred Heart improved to 3-4 with a 9-0 victory over the University of New Haven on Sept. 23 and a 4-3 win over Molloy on Sept. 26.

Kiely, who won her last four matches, avenged her loss to Molloy's Marisa Ortega last year with a 6-2, 6-4 win. Grassi improved her singles record to 6-1 on the season with an easy 6-3, 6-1 triumph over Molloy's Leslie Lowski at fifth singles.

### Men's soccer drops third straight game to fall to 4-5-1

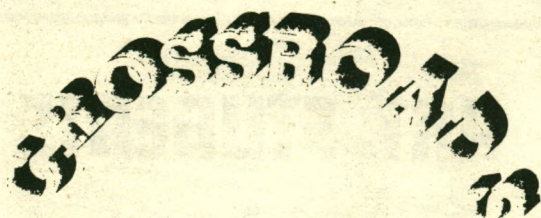
Coming off their 4-0 loss to Keene State the team squandered its two games played this week as Sacred Heart fell to Stony Brook, 2-1 in overtime on Sept. 25 and was shut out Saturday at Franklin Pierce, 7-0.

Freshman James Hood (Islip Terrace, N.Y.) added to his team-leading five goals with the Pioneers' lone goal of the week in their loss to Stony Brook.

### Women's soccer struggles in games this past week

The Lady Pioneers lost both games played this week as Sacred Heart dropped its third straight with a 1-0 loss at home to Bentley College on Sept. 26 and a 7-1 drubbing at the hands of defending Division II national champion Franklin Pierce College in Ridge, N.H. on Saturday.

Freshman Amy McCauley (Islip Terrace, N.Y.) notched Sacred Heart's only goal in the two contests. She leads the team with four goals and one assist.



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## Staak on Sports

# Alomar is a "spitting" image

By Bob Staak

A disturbing incident occurred this past week that has compounded the issue of professional sports officials punishing athletes.

Roberto Alomar of the Baltimore Orioles spit on an umpire after a disagreement with a call. The acting commissioner of baseball took swift action on Alomar, suspending him five regular season games. However, Alomar appealed the suspension and the ruling won't come until sometime next season. Under the appeals rule of Major League Baseball, Alomar was permitted to finish out the team's remaining two games.

Ironically, he hit the game-winning home-run the night after the incident, clinching the Orioles' first playoff spot since

1983 when they won the World Series.

Alomar is the same player who sat out the final week of last season because he wanted to protect his .300 batting average.

After Alomar's spitting incident, he told the media that the umpire has been bitter in other games since his son died two years ago.

Alomar is not much of a person or man. The Orioles should be embarrassed to associate with this guy. If playing with him is the only way they are going to win, they shouldn't win at all.

What is truly disturbing about this ordeal is, Alomar only gets a five-game suspension which won't take effect until the

first five games of next season. So what! This so-called adult spits in a umpire's face, and little is done about it. Suspend this bum for the playoffs. Make it count! Who cares about the appeal?

What is he appealing anyway? The evidence was right there on ESPN's Sportscenter. I guess the commissioner's office missed that show. Alomar did it, that's all we need to know, now punish him appropriately.

I really would like to know what the world of sports is coming to. This sort of thing is happening in just about every professional sports arena in America today.

Look at the NFL for example. Next week will mark the return of two athletes who were

suspended five weeks for pleading guilty to drug possession charges. Michael Irvin and Bam Morris will begin play for the Dallas Cowboys and Baltimore Ravens, respectively. The NFL Commissioner's Office had a chance to make a real statement to all players. The statement should have been, "You do drugs and get caught, you will miss an entire season."

Whether these athletes like it or not, kids are watching. Guess what fellas, you are role models! You only have to look to the stands and see those five-year-old prospective players wearing a Michael Irvin jersey. These guys get paid a lot of money, so they have a year-round responsibility.

The only way to make them

pay attention is to take the honor of playing at the professional level away from them. The NFL wants to fine every defensive player for hitting a quarterback too hard, but they won't suspend drug users from playing for more than five games.

Unfortunately this is the way things are going in professional sports these days. Instead of focusing on the pennant race, or how good Ohio State looked this past weekend, we have to talk about some bum spitting in an umpire's face.

The acting commissioner of baseball should have suspended Alomar for the playoffs.

An injustice was done by Alomar. Justice was not served by the commissioner.

# Lady Bowlers ready to roll over competition

## Woman hope to return to national tournament

Corrine Waldheim  
Contributing Writer

After attending two National Championships in three years, the Sacred Heart women's bowling team is laying the groundwork for another exciting season.

The program originated in September of 1993. Former Admissions Officer Rob Cottle organized the team and subsequently hired Stratford resident Becky Kregling to coach.

"A lot of people have come to Sacred Heart specifically to bowl and I anticipate our best year ever," said Kregling, currently a member of Team USA.

The team has grown at a

steady pace since 1993, but this year marks its biggest turn-out. On Thursday, Sept. 19 the women held try-outs for the 1996-97 season. Fifteen women, including six returning members, took their first steps at obtaining a spot on either the A or B teams.

The ladies were allowed fifteen minutes of practice and four games. Christine Anania, Jessica DeVellis, Lisa Laursen, Kristy Newman and Christine Hackley were among the top scoring first-year students.

Christine Anania of Bristol, RI said, "I really like the team and the girls are very personal."

Returning seniors Jennifer Swanson and Corinne Waldheim remain as the only members of the original team.

"Bowling for Sacred Heart has been a unique experience," stated Swanson, an accounting major from Shelton, CT. This past summer Swanson became the first woman to win a New England Bowling Alliance title.

Also returning this year is junior Cheryl Ninno and sophomores Adrienne Oshman, Wendy Scheer and Liz Sarlo.

"With the addition of new members, I think we have an opportunity to achieve a higher goal as a team," said Ninno, a computer science major from Rye Brook, NY.

Before she came to SHU, Cheryl competed in Junior Bowling Tournaments (JBT's) with teammate Adrienne Oshman of Yorktown Heights, NY.

Even though Sacred Heart's bowling program is still young, they have accomplished a lot in a small period of time. They made a name for themselves when they received a national ranking in January of 1996.

In 1993, the bowlers competed in and won the Nittany Lion Kegler Classic, a local tournament held at Penn State.

Their next year brought more success as the ladies placed eleventh at the National Collegiate Match Games. The bowlers competed with powerhouses Wichita State, University of Nebraska and West Texas A & M for the first time at the St. Louis tournament.

Later that year they successfully claimed a bid to the National Championships in Knoxville, TN,

where they placed eleventh. The Knoxville Post went wild naming them the "Cinderella team." In only her second year, Jen Swanson rolled high average for the National competition.

Last year, the women improved once again, taking first place in the Allentown Invitational.

The Pioneers went on to clinch their second consecutive bid into the National Championships in Kansas City, MO. The ladies finished the 1996 season in seventh place.

With a busy season ahead, including tournaments in Atlanta, Ithaca and St. Louis, the SHU bowlers plan to make a deep impression on the competition.

# Lady netters serve enthusiasm

## Positive outlook for the future

By Arthur T. Gerckens  
Contributing Writer

Despite only three team victories to open the season, the Lady Pioneer tennis team is optimistic about their future.

An increasing student body, new courts and a growing interest in women's tennis are several reasons cited by the players for the team's positive outlook.

Desiree Bulone, a first-year undeclared major from Staten Island, NY is typical of many of third year coach Mike Guastelle's netters. "I've been playing tennis since I was ten years old and played for my high school team," said Bulone.

"Most of the team has played high school tennis," said Guastelle. "In fact, Desiree came

to Sacred Heart with her championship St. Joseph Hill Academy teammate Jennifer Galizia."

The team is led by senior co-captains Melissa Kiely of Pt. Pleasant, NJ and Jeannine DaLuz of Pawtucket, RI. Other players to keep an eye on are first singles player Maren Niemann, fourth singles player Ashley Aimetti, junior Lauren MacPhee and freshman Monica Grassi.

Guastelle explained the team's short term goals are having an outside shot at the league title and having a 5-0-0 season. This would be an improvement over their inaugural 5-7 season. The Lady Pioneers play in the six-team N.E.C.C. which currently has Albany sitting atop the standings. Although Albany beat Sacred Heart earlier in the year, Guastelle states, "On any given

day we can beat them."

Some long term goals include getting the Sacred Heart University name out to a larger number of potential recruits.

"I'd like to see us get ranked regionally in Division II," said Guastelle. Another far more impressive goal would be to get an exclusive NCAA berth.

It may take some time to accomplish this because there is only one berth granted for the entire Northeast section of the country. With seven out of thirteen members currently first-year students, the Lady Pioneers are gaining valuable experience which certainly points to a bright future.

The Lady Pioneers' next home match is Oct. 8 at 3:30 p.m. against A.I.C.

This will be the first of three consecutive home matches.



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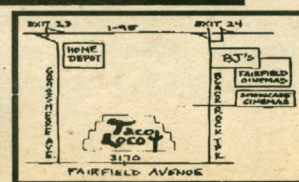
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# SPECTRUM SPORTS

## Pioneers fall prey to River Hawks

*Late touchdown spoils Sacred Heart's Homecoming*

By Brad Wilson  
Sports Editor

With Sacred Heart clinging to a 14-13 lead in the final two minutes of the fourth quarter, UMass-Lowell was driving deep into Pioneer territory.

It was third-down and seven when Pioneer senior Chris Carroll intercepted a pass at the 15-yard line, returning it to the River Hawks' 48.

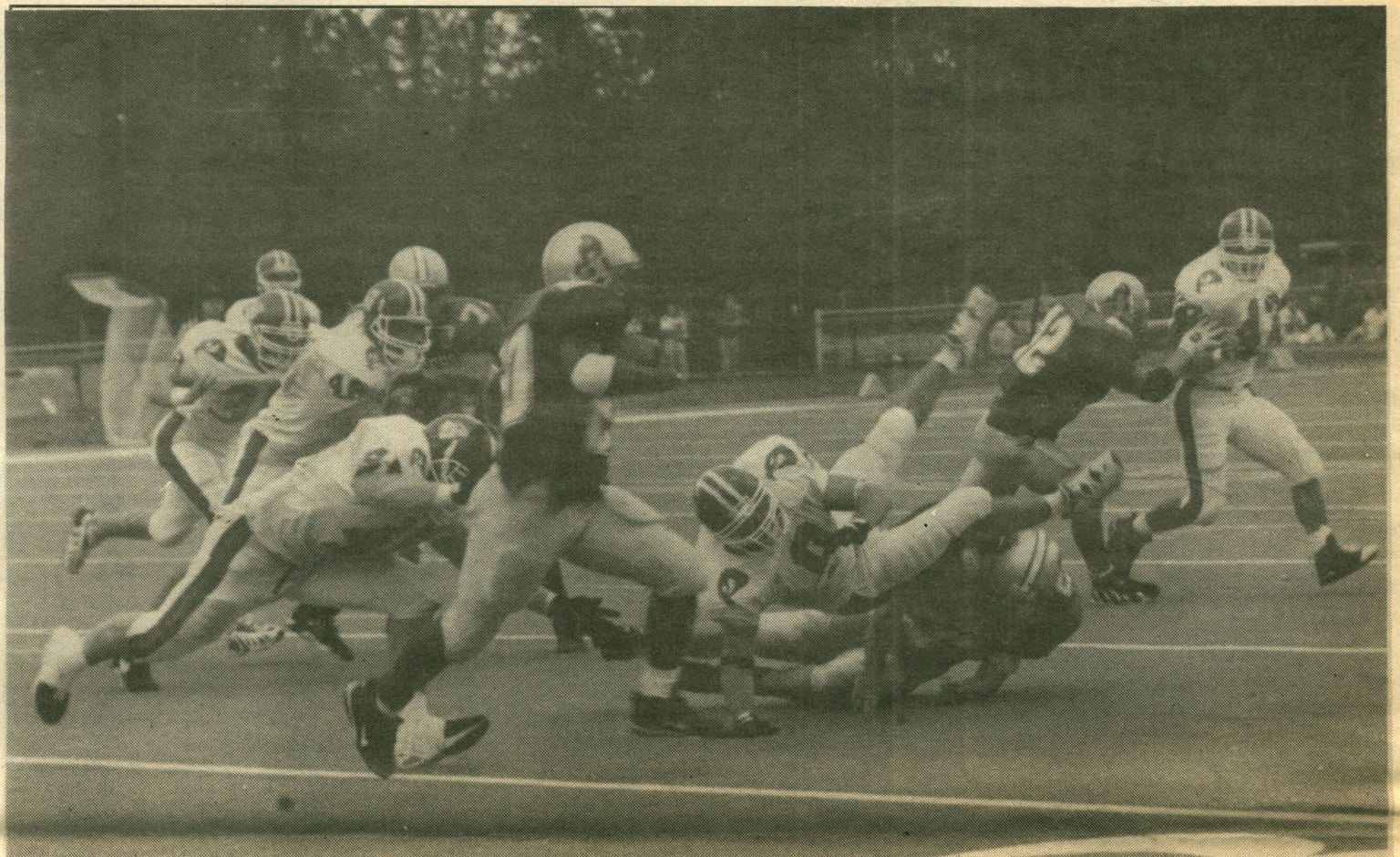
The Pioneers needed a first down to kneel out the clock when sophomore running back Terrence Washington dropped a pitch from senior quarterback Matt McGreevy.

The ball bounced straight into the hands of UMass-Lowell linebacker Tim Murphy, who darted 51 yards for the winning score in a 19-14 River Hawk victory Saturday before 1,624 Homecoming spectators.

"I'm thrilled for our kids," said River Hawk coach Sandy Ruggles. "We made mistakes and we were able to catch a break with the fumble, but we worked hard and this is a game I will never forget."

Sacred Heart Coach Gary Reho said, "You can not say one play is a game, but unfortunately, sometimes it determines a game. We can't make excuses. We have to get back to work and play as hard as we can."

UMass-Lowell (2-1) found the end zone first on a 54-yard touchdown pass from John Speidel to Noel Gouridine. The visitors followed up with a one-yard score by running back



Sophomore running back Terrence Washington carries around end in Sacred Heart's 19-14 loss to UMass-Lowell. He led the team with 79 rushing yards.

Photo by Lora Marcella

Shawn Murphy, but missed the extra point.

Trailing 13-0, Sacred Heart (1-2) rallied for two second quarter touchdown strikes of 38 and 63 yards from McGreevy to senior Dave Galligani.

With two successful extra points by sophomore Lou Monaco, the Pioneers were in front, 14-13.

Galligani's efforts on the day earned him a school record of 159 receiving yards.

Aside from the fumble, Washington had an overall solid performance for the Pioneers, rushing for 79 yards on 14 carries. Senior fullback Brian Ihlefeld added 58 yards on 20 attempts.

While the second quarter found Sacred Heart's passing game flawless and ground attack menacing, the offense was at a stand-still in the second half.

After half-time adjustments by the River Hawk defense, Sa-

cred Heart was only able to amass 60 offensive yards during the remainder of the game.

If it wasn't for the Pioneers' stingy defense and 17 UMass-Lowell penalties for 140 yards, Sacred Heart may not have been able to sustain its 14-13 lead for most of the second half.

"We made some changes in our offense heading into the game and they worked," said McGreevy. "We got solid blocking from the line and were able to

get our passing game on track, but we have to execute for 60 minutes and we didn't do that."

McGreevy had nine completions on 21 attempts for 159 yards. Galligani was on the receiving end of eight of those passes.

Sacred Heart's next match-up will be at Stony Brook Saturday with a 1 p.m. kickoff.

Last season the Pioneers were defeated by the Seadogs, 44-17.

## Record day for Pioneer cross country squad

By Stephanie Smith  
Staff Writer

Although the men's and women's cross country teams did not place as well as expected at the Connecticut Intercollegiate Championship last Friday, school records were set and most runners improved their seasonal or personal best times.

Mike Hernandez established a freshman record and a school record with a time of 27:50 for the five-mile course. He broke the school record by 15 seconds

and the freshman mark by 30 seconds. Hernandez finished in 13th place.

Following him were freshmen John Walsh (29:10) and Dan Gallardo (29:16) in 34th and 35th places, junior Brian Young (29:36) in 39th and sophomore Rick Janocko (29:57) in 42nd. Also included in the scoring were freshman Ed Mahoney (30:07) and junior Neil McClure (30:13) in places 43 and 45 respectively.

Sophomore Carrie Demirian broke her own school record, running the 3.1-mile course in 18:48 to earn a fourth place finish. Michelle

Wesolowski, crossing the line in 11th place, set a freshman record of 19:14. Sophomore Theresa Flood clocked a 19:44 time for a 17th place finish, the fourth fastest time in school history.

First-year runners Tara Sullivan (20:38) and Liz Lento (21:06) finished in 28th and 33rd, respectively. Sophomore Lisa de Burgo (21:12) finished in 35th place and junior Stephanie Smith (21:25) wrapped up the scoring with a 38th place finish.

Saturday the Pioneer cross country teams will compete in the Fairfield Invitational.

## Field hockey now 5-4

By Lauren Wiggins  
Staff Writer

Coming off an impressive, 2-1 overtime victory against Merrimack College on Sept. 24, the Pioneer field hockey team scored two more victories over the weekend.

Saturday they squared-off against a talented St. Michael's team and followed with a contest on Sunday against UMass-Lowell, a team that had beaten them in each of their three previous meetings.

The St. Michael's game found Sacred Heart trailing at the intermission, 2-0. In the second half the Pioneers were

able to find some life behind a goal by junior Cheryl Casey (Bridgewater, N.J.). It was not enough as they were defeated, 2-1.

Facing-off against UMass-Lowell, the Pioneers (5-4) had revenge on their minds. Not letting their three consecutive losses to the River Hawks put a damper on things, the ladies earned an impressive 4-1 victory.

They were led by freshman Lauren Wiggins (Norristown, P.A.), who tallied a hat trick in the contest.

The Pioneers' next two games will be today at Bentley College and on Oct. 8 at home against Southern Connecticut.